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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL LETTER ON TURKISH-CYPRIOT  
STATEMENT

1. CONGRESSMEN LEE HAMILTON, STEVE SOLARZ, PAUL FINDLEY AND  
ROBERT LAGOMARSINO CIRCULATED ON MAY 25 TO ALL THEIR  
COLLEAGUES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE FOLLOWING  
LETTER, ENCLOSING WITH IT A COPY OF THE STATEMENT ISSUED  
IN NEW YORK ON MAY 22 BY TURKISH-CYPRIOT LEADER RAUF  
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2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR COLLEAGUE: IN A FEW WEEKS THE HOUSE  
WILL BE CONSIDERING H.R. 12514, THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY  
ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1978. THIS BILL CONTAINS IMPORTANT  
PROVISIONS REGARDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR GREECE AND  
TURKEY AND THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY.

A CRUCIAL INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE EASTERN

MEDITERRANEAN IS THE PROMOTION OF A JUST AND FAIR SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS. TO ACHIEVE SUCH A SETTLEMENT, HOWEVER, WILL REQUIRE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERS AND A WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE ON ALL SIDES. SUCH NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO START: EACH SIDE BLAMES THE OTHER FOR THE LACK OF PROGRESS.

WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION A STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY IN CYPRUS WHICH OUTLINES MORE CLEARLY THAN WE HAVE EVER SEEN BEFORE THE CURRENT TURKISH NEGOTIATING POSITION ON CYPRUS AND THUS CASTS A PROMISING NEW LIGHT ON THE PROSPECTS FOR EARLY MOVEMENT TOWARD AN EQUITABLE AND LASTING CYPRUS SETTLEMENT.

THE STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTS A TURKISH-CYPRIOT WILLINGNESS TO:

1. CONSIDER SIGNIFICANT TERRITORIAL READJUSTMENTS;
  2. MAKE FURTHER TROOP REDUCTIONS AS THE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESS;
  3. UNDERTAKE THAT SOME 30-35,000 GREEK-CYPRIOTS CAN COMMENCE RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES AND BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF VAROSHA (NEW FAMAGUSTA) AS THE NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESS;
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4. FIND MEANS TO REOPEN NICOSIA AIRPORT FOR CIVILIAN TRAFFIC;
5. UNDERTAKE JOINT ECONOMIC VENTURES BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS.

WE BELIEVE THIS STATEMENT IS CONSTRUCTIVE AND THAT IT CONSTITUTES, TOGETHER WITH THE DETAILED CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS THE TURKS SUBMITTED TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM A FEW WEEKS AGO, A LEGITIMATE BASIS FOR THE BEGINNING OF MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS ON CYPRUS.

WE URGE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THE ATTACHED STATEMENT.  
SINCERELY YOURS END TEXT. VANCE

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